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OPA Daily Digest for 11/22/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.) 10/29/13. Recommendation for an EPA position. Due: 11/13/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Scrapps - Lawan Hamilton/Mark Greenblatt – 11/8/13 – Inquiry regarding the status of the Doe Run consent agreement. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Jeff Tomich – 11/22/13 – Seeking comment on report from anti-nuclear activist and former U.S. Department of Energy employee Robert Alvarez critiquing EPA Region 7's actions at West Lake Landfill. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – Grant Bissell – 11/22/13 -- Seeking comment on report from anti-nuclear activist and former U.S. Department of Energy employee Robert Alvarez critiquing EPA Region 7's actions at West Lake Landfill. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

WHO Ch. 13 Des Moines - Erik Wheeler - 11/22/13: Questions regarding Renewable Fuel Standard. Referred to Headquarters EPA press office. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

Scrapps - Lawan Hamilton/Mark Greenblatt – 11/22/13 – Follow-up questions regarding the status of the Doe Run consent agreement. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Kirksville Daily Express (Mo.) – Jason Hunsicker – 11/21/13: Questions regarding new rules on power plants and the effect on coal. Assisting headquarters press office and OAR on answering questions. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Environmental Stories:

KMOX Radio St. Louis - Nuclear Waste Expert Calls West Lake Landfill “Highly Toxic” - 10/21/13 - The West Lake Landfill nuclear should be dug up and hauled away — so says a nuclear waste expert in town tonight to meet with Bridgeton residents. Robert Alvarez, who served in the Department of Energy in the Clinton Administration, says the Thorium

230 buried at West Lake is 60-thousand times more radioactive than uranium, making West Lake one of the most dangerous nuclear dump sites in the country.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/11/21/nuclear-waste-expert-calls-bridgeton-site-highly-toxic/>

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - New study due on West Lake Landfill - 11/21/13 - A nuclear waste expert is releasing a report on his findings on the environmental safety status at Bridgeton's West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. Robert Alvarez, a nationally known expert on nuclear and environmental policies, has been examining the radioactive waste dump that sits just 1,200 feet from an underground fire burning at the West Lake Landfill. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2013/11/21/new-study-due-on-west-lake-landfill/3665577/>

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Expert Robert Alvarez gives report on West Lake Landfill - 10/22/13 - The radioactive waste dumped at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton may be 60,000 times more radioactive than uranium. That's according to former U.S. Department of Energy advisor Robert Alvarez. He delivered the results of his research on the troubled Superfund site to around 200 people Thursday night. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2013/11/22/nuclear-expert-robert-alvarez-west-lake-landfill/3672211/>

St. Louis Public Radio - Nuclear -Policy Analyst: Radioactive Waste At West Lake Landfill Must Go - 11/21/13 - A nuclear policy analyst is adding his voice to those of area residents, environmental advocates and local government officials who want radioactive wastes out of the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/nuclear-policy-analyst-radioactive-waste-west-lake-landfill-must-go>

Report - http://mediad.publicbroadcasting.net/p/kwmu/files/201311/2013_11_21_RobertAlvarezWestLakeReport.pdf

Associated Press - Iowa DNR investigates discharge close to river - 11/21/13 – Iowa DNR investigates discharge close to river - Officials are investigating a wastewater discharge into an unnamed tributary of the Raccoon River in central Iowa. It's unknown how long the discharge has been going on. <http://www.wral.com/iowa-dnr-investigates-discharge-close-to-river/13139947/>

Radio Iowa – Groups allege Clean Water Act violations against southern Iowa facility - 11/21/13 - A coalition of groups intend to file a lawsuit against the nation's third-largest pork producer, alleging Clean Water Act violations at one of its swine facilities in southern Iowa. <http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/11/21/groups-allege-clean-water-act-violations-against-southern-iowa-facility/>

Spencer Daily Reporter (Iowa) - DNR to inspect over 3,000 livestock farms – 11/22/13 - After receiving petitions from the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, the Sierra Club and Environmental Improvement Project, the EPA Region 7 and Iowa DNR entered into a five-year work plan agreement. Permits are needed, no matter the size of pollutant discharge. <http://www.spencerdailyreporter.com/story/2026421.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Regulators OK delay of pollution controls for Ameren coal plants - 11/22/13 - Ameren Corp.'s plan to shed its aging Illinois coal fleet advanced Thursday when regulators said the buyer, Dynegy Inc., could defer the installation of multimillion-dollar pollution controls for five years. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/regulators-ok-environmental-variance-for-ameren-coal-plants/article_4ce4ecd8-766d-5cfe-b527-72973705f63b.html

Southeast Missouri Public Radio - Missouri DNR Approves Ste. Genevieve Frac Sand Mine Permit - 11/21/13 - Missouri's Department of Natural Resources approved the permit for a 73-acre frac sand mine in Ste. Genevieve County today. The department also denied a request for an official hearing on the proposed mine owned by Summit Proppants. <http://krcu.org/post/missouri-dnr-approves-ste-genevieve-frac-sand-mine-permit>

Iowa Environmental Focus - EPA Gets A Failing Grade - 11/20/13 - The EPA, along with other major federal agencies, received failing marks for not being able to meet the requirements of a 2010 law. The law requires bureaucrats to write official documents with the public in mind — less jargon, more verbs. <http://iowaenvironmentalfocus.org/2013/11/20/epa-gets-a-failing-grade/>

Kansas City Star - Ripple Glass expands to Omaha - 11/21/13 - Ripple Glass is expanding its glass recycling operation to Omaha, beginning with two dropoff bins in the central city, and hopes to add more if the program is successful. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/11/21/4639434/ripple-glass-expands-to-omaha.html>

Lincoln Journal Star - EPA offers grants to replace older diesel engines - 11/21/13 - Owners of construction vehicles with older diesel engines in six Nebraska counties may apply for a federal rebate to help replace the vehicles or retrofit older vehicles with new cleaner-burning engines. <http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/epa-offers->

[grants-to-replace-older-diesel-engines/article_86b11739-5521-51c7-b7f0-90b87ecdd47b.html](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article_86b11739-5521-51c7-b7f0-90b87ecdd47b.html)

Des Moines Register - Solar projects dazzle Iowa lawmakers - 11/22/13 - Solar energy makes up only a fraction of Iowa's energy production, but three state lawmakers who toured five solar power projects in the Des Moines area on Thursday went home impressed. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131122/BUSINESS/311220079/1029/>

USDA (blog) - New Issue Papers: Exploring Environmental Market – 11/21/13 - Two new issue papers are meant to generate thought and discussion around some of the more complex aspects of environmental markets. They make one thing clear—there's a lot to consider. <http://blogs.usda.gov/2013/11/21/new-issue-papers-exploring-environmental-markets/>

Cedar Rapids Gazette (Iowa) - Guest Opinion: Science is the key to ethanol questions - 11/22/13 - The firestorm evoked by the recent Associated Press feature story on the environmental cost of ethanol production in Iowa and elsewhere in the Midwest should surprise few people. - See more at: <http://thegazette.com/2013/11/22/science-is-the-key-to-ethanol-questions/>

Cedar Rapids Gazette (Iowa) - Environment Iowa study underscores wind energy's benefits - 11/21/13 - The environmental benefits of wind energy more than justify an extension of federal incentives set to expire at the end of the year, according to a report released Wednesday by Environment Iowa. <http://thegazette.com/2013/11/21/environment-iowa-study-underscores-wind-energys-benefits/>

Cedar Rapids Gazette (Iowa) - Iowa landowners skeptical of wind energy transmission line - 11/21/13 - Iowa landowners gathered in Brandon on Thursday morning for an informational meeting on the Rock Island Clean Line were skeptical but not hostile, said Beth Conley, a spokeswoman for the company that plans to build a \$2 billion, 500-mile overhead direct current transmission line across much of the state. <http://thegazette.com/2013/11/21/iowa-landowners-skeptical-of-wind-energy-transmission-line/>

KTVO Ch. 3 Kirksville, Mo. - Kirksville considers upgrades to Wastewater Treatment Plant - 11/21/13 - Thursday night members of the Kirksville community had the opportunity to weigh in on some major changes to the wastewater treatment facility in Kirksville. <http://www.heartlandconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=974803#.Uo961yclhj5>

Salina Journal - A mess to address - 11/21/13 - Another step in the long mission to address contamination at the former Schilling Air Force Base has begun, but actual cleanup is still years away. <http://www.salina.com/news/schilling-gathering-112013#sthash.y6St8JKp.dpuf>

Radio Iowa - Emmetsburg mayor joins opponents of EPA's RFS recommendation - 11/20/13 - The mayor of a northwest Iowa city that's home to an ethanol plant is joining the lobbying effort against an EPA proposal that effectively would reduce the amount of U.S. ethanol produced in 2014. <http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/11/20/emmettsburg-mayor-joins-opponents-of-epas-rfs-recommendation/>

Radio Nebraska - EPA ethanol proposal could deal blow to Nebraska farmers (AUDIO) - 11/21/13 - A proposal by the EPA could deal the ethanol industry a set-back. Congressman Adrian Smith says the proposal would reduce choice at the gas pump. <http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2013/11/21/epa-ethanol-proposal-could-deal-blow-to-nebraska-farmers-audio/>

Pork Network - ICCI, HSUS notify Iowa farm of intent to file lawsuit - 11/21/13 - A coalition of two activist organizations sent a notice of intent to sue Illinois-based The Maschhoffs, LLC over discharges of nutrient waste to waterways from one of its Iowa farms. <http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/CCl-HSUS-notify-iowa-farm-of-intent-to-file-lawsuit-232944171.html>

Associated Press - EPA offers grants to replace older diesel engines - 11/21/13 - Owners of construction vehicles with older diesel engines in nine Iowa counties may apply for a federal rebate to help replace the vehicles or retrofit older vehicles with new cleaner burning engines. <http://www.kwwl.com/story/24029855/epa-offers-grants-to-replace-older-diesel-engines>

Sioux City Journal - EPA offers grants to Woodbury County residents for replacing old diesel engines - 11/21/13 - Owners of construction vehicles with older diesel engines in nine Iowa counties, including Woodbury, may apply for a federal rebate to help replace the vehicles or retrofit older vehicles with new cleaner burning engines.

http://siouxcityjournal.com/ap/state/epa-offers-grants-to-woodbury-county-residents-for-replacing-old/article_e3c3c2b0-413d-5142-86aa-0ef1065b3c6d.html

Kirksville Daily Express - Public meeting set for water, sewer projects - 11/19/13 - The City of Kirksville is hosting a series of public hearings to present information on two upcoming independent wastewater and sewer projects including the substantial upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant and a sewer pipeline replacement.

<http://www.kirksvilledailyexpress.com/article/20131119/NEWS/131118889>

Associated Press - Hillary Clinton Says Environmental Sustainability Must Be Priority - 11/22/13 - Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told a gathering of 10,000 advocates for green construction Thursday that sustainability must be one of the country's top priorities. <http://washington.cbslocal.com/2013/11/22/hillary-clinton-says-environmental-sustainability-must-be-priority/>

Greentech Media - 'Stealth Business Lobbyist' Plans 2014 Offensive Against Solar Net Metering - 11/21/13 - The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a "stealth business lobbyist" that writes legislation favoring the interests of its corporate members, is moving into the intense debate on net metering for solar.

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/stealth-business-lobbyist-plans-2014-offensive-against-solar-net-metering>

Climate Central - Americans Uninformed About Fracking Says New Study - 11/22/13 - Most Americans have heard little or nothing of the oil and gas production process called hydraulic fracturing, and many don't know if they support or oppose it, according to a new paper by researchers from Oregon State, George Mason and Yale universities.

<http://www.climatecentral.org/news/americans-uninformed-about-fracking-says-new-study-16762>

Politico - Democrats recruit pro sports leagues for climate push - 12/21/13 - Democrats in Congress are recruiting a varsity squad of sports officials to help make the case for action on climate change. They will discuss "the effects of climate change on sporting activities and the work these organizations are doing to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions," according to a statement. <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/11/democrats-recruit-professional-sports-leagues-for-climate-push-100172.html>

Council on Foreign Relations (blog) - The "Oil Abundance" Narrative is Wrong - 11/22/13 - America has moved from oil scarcity to oil abundance, and our attitudes need to change in order to keep up. If the stream of headlines and panels is any indication, you'd have to be an idiot to disagree with that claim. So call me stupid, because I just don't see it.

<http://blogs.cfr.org/levi/2013/11/21/the-oil-abundance-narrative-is-wrong/>

The Hill (blog) EPA doesn't rule out state carbon tax option for power plants - 11/22/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) isn't currently ruling out the idea of allowing states to meet planned climate regulations for existing power plants by imposing state-level carbon taxes. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/191055-epa-doesnt-rule-out-state-carbon-tax-option-for-power-plants>

Reuters - Analysis: Still-pricey ethanol credits show risk of EPA rule challenge - 11/22/13 - In theory, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's move last week to slash the amount of ethanol to be blended into gasoline next year should have reduced the value of volatile compliance credits to near zero. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/11/22/us-rins-epa-gasoline-prices-analysis-idUSBRE9AL05A20131122>

Breitbart Big Government Blog - Unleashing America's Energy & Economic Potential on Federal Lands - 11/20/13 - the United States needs to implement an all-of-the-above energy plan to responsibly harness our Nation's energy resources on federal lands. <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/11/21/Doc-Hastings-Unleashing-Americas-Energy-Economic-Potential-on-Federal-Lands>

EarthTechling - A Renewables Tilt To Obama's 'All Of The Above' - 11/19/13 - s the Obama administration's tilt toward renewables over fossil fuels becoming more pronounced in the president's second term? There's still a lot of rhetoric from the administration about "all of the above." <http://www.earthtechling.com/2013/11/a-renewable-tilt-to-obamas-all-of-the-above/>

The Guardian (U.K.) - Just 90 companies caused two-thirds of man-made global warming emissions - 11/20/13 - Chevron, Exxon and BP are among companies most responsible for climate change since the dawn of industrial age, figures show. <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2013/nov/20/90-companies-man-made-global-warming-emissions-climate-change>

Fox News - EPA power grab? Pols, states claim new water reg could bring feds into your backyard - 11/22/13 - A river runs through it -- and Uncle Sam isn't far behind. That's what several Republican lawmakers and even state farming groups and local governments are warning, after a draft rule from the Environmental Protection Agency proposed expanding which waterways are federally protected under the Clean Water Act. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/11/22/epa-power-grab-pols-states-claim-new-reg-could-bring-feds-into-your-backyard/>

Heritage Foundation - Loaded DICE: An EPA Model Not Ready for the Big Game - 11/22/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses three statistical models of the environment and economy, called integrated assessment models (IAMs), to determine the value of the social cost of carbon (SCC), defined by the EPA as the economic damage that a ton of CO2 emitted today will cause over the next 300 years. <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2013/11/loaded-dice-an-epa-model-not-ready-for-the-big-game>

FierceGovernmentIT - EPA experiments with Thunderclap - 11/21/13 - Late last month the Environmental Protection Agency experimented with a new social media tool designed to amplify a single message across social networks called Thunderclap. The tool is open to all agencies for use based on federal-friendly terms of service recently negotiated by the General Services Administration. <http://www.fiercегovernmentit.com/story/epa-experiments-thunderclap/2013-11-21>

NPR - Oil Industry And Others Cheer EPA's Ethanol Proposal - 11/21/13 - The EPA's decision not to force oil companies to replace E10, gasoline mixed with 10 percent ethanol, with E15, had a big impact on a lot of businesses. <http://www.npr.org/2013/11/21/246492066/oil-industry-and-others-cheer-epas-ethanol-proposal>

Wall Street Journal - Environmental Groups Walk Out of Climate Conference - 11/22/13 - Major environmental groups walked out of a United Nations climate conference in Poland on Thursday, saying they see no progress in talks on curbing global emissions of carbon dioxide. <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304607104579211910861656416>

SEJ Watchdog - Congress Inches Toward Enacting DATA Act - 11/20/13 - Some hope for more open government at the federal level emerged November 18, 2013, when the House passed a bill (HR 2061) aimed at improving public data about federal spending. <http://www.sej.org/publications/watchdog-tipsheet/congress-inches-toward-enacting-data-act>

NPR - Organic Farmers Bash FDA Restrictions On Manure Use - 11/21/13 - Many organic farmers are hopping mad right now at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and their reason involves perhaps the most under-appreciated part of agriculture: plant food, aka fertilizer. <http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2013/11/21/246386290/organic-farmers-bash-fda-restrictions-on-manure-use>

The Daily Climate - Climate science lawyers up - 11/21/13 - The American Geophysical Union has added legal counseling to its Fall Meeting agenda, citing scientists' need to defend against increasing attacks on research, correspondence and public statements. <http://www.dailyclimate.org/tdc-newsroom/2013/11/climate-science-lawyers-up>

Mother Jones - These Members of Congress Are Bankrolled by the Fracking Industry - 11/20/13 - TThe growing fracking industry is "yielding gushers" of campaign donations for congressional candidates—particularly Republicans from districts with fracking activity—according to a new report from the watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. <http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2013/11/chart-these-members-of-congress-are-bankrolled-by-the-fracking-industry>

Yale Environment 360 - How Industrial Agriculture Has Thwarted Factory Farm Reforms - 11/19/13 - In an interview with Yale Environment 360, Robert Martin, co-author of a recent study on industrial farm animal production, explains how a powerful and intransigent agriculture lobby has successfully fought off attempts to reduce the harmful environmental and health impacts of mass livestock production. <http://e360.yale.edu/content/feature.msp?id=2712>

McClatchy DC - Energy industry is on alert against increasing cyberattacks - 11/21/13 - Security analysts and U.S. government officials say attacks against energy companies are just the beginning, and that energy is by far the most attractive industry target for cyberattackers. <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/11/21/209357/energy-industry-is-on-alert-against.html>

Environmental Health News - Only half of drugs, other newly emerging contaminants removed from sewage - 11/22/13 - Only about half of the prescription drugs and other newly emerging contaminants in sewage are removed by treatment plants. That's the finding of a new report by the International Joint Commission, a consortium of officials from the

United States and Canada who study the Great Lakes. <http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/ehs/news/2013/november/emerging-contaminants-report>

BNA - Utility Commissioners Seek Role in Setting Carbon Standards for Existing Power Plants - 11/22/13 - State utility regulators should play a role in developing carbon dioxide emissions standards for existing power plants, utility commissioners told the Environmental Protection Agency. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38298881&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3m9u2t6&split=0

BNA - EPA Proposes New Particulate Matter Implementation Rule After Court Decision - 11/22/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency proposed a revised implementation rule for air quality standards for particulate matter in response to a court decision striking down prior guidance to state regulators. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38298878&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3m9k2k9&split=0

BNA - EPA Offers First Interpretation of Waiver Authority in 2014 Renewable Fuel Proposal - 11/22/13 - aThe Environmental Protection Agency offered an expansive reading of its authority to lower the annual renewable fuel standard requirements when it proposed a reduction in the blending mandates for 2014. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38321630&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3n7v9q3&split=0

BNA - EPA Will Take Four More Months to Respond To Petition on Regulating Existing Site Runoff - 11/22/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency has told a coalition of environmental groups that it will not be able to respond on time to a petition filed by 10 environmental groups in mid-2013. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38321620&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3n7p5w2&split=0

BNA - Rising Nitrous Oxide Emissions Pose Risks For Both Climate, Ozone Layer, UNEP Warns - 11/22/13 - The United Nations Environment Program Nov. 21 unveiled a plan to reduce emissions of nitrous oxide, a potent greenhouse gas and ozone-depleting substance, and potentially reap more than \$160 billion a year in benefits. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38321622&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3n7q8q0&split=0

BNA - Report: Climate Data Should Be Made 'Clear, Actionable' for Financial Decisions - 11/22/13 - Information related to climate change and its impacts should be translated into "clear and actionable" terms for financial decision makers, a new report says. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38321633&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3n7z5r3&split=0

BNA - EPA Releases Nitrogen Oxides Science Assessment - 11/22/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency will accept comments on the first draft of its integrated science assessment of the health effects of nitrogen oxides until Jan. 21, according to a notice to be published in the Federal Register Nov. 22. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38321616&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3n6h6b3&split=0

Inside EPA - Eastern States Eye Daily NOx Controls To Curb Interstate Ozone Transport - 11/21/13 - Eastern states are debating the need for short-term, potentially daily, limits on power plants' emissions of ozone-forming nitrogen oxides (NOx) as a key strategy for curbing interstate transport of NOx. <http://insideepa.com/201311212453582/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/eastern-states-eye-daily-nox-controls-to-curb-interstate-ozone-transport/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Senate's Rule Change On Filibusters Clears Path For EPA Nominees - 11/21/13 - Senate Democrats' vote to eliminate the filibuster for executive branch nominees and most judges will remove a hurdle that Republicans have used to block appointments to both EPA and the key appeals court that considers most agency rules. <http://insideepa.com/201311222453709/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/senates-rule-change-on-filibusters-clears-path-for-epa-nominees/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Advisers Raise Concerns Over Limited Scope Of EPA's Fracking Study - 11/21/13 - EPA science advisers are raising concerns that the agency's ongoing study of potential drinking water risks from hydraulic fracturing may take too narrow a path. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201311212453578/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/advisers-raise-concerns-over-limited-scope-of-epas-fracking-study/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - EPA FY14-18 Plan Targets Heavy Duty Vehicle GHGs, Off-Road Emissions - 11/21/13 - EPA's draft strategic plan outlining policy priorities for fiscal years 2014-2018 says the agency's air office will prioritize new greenhouse gas (GHG) rules for heavy-duty vehicles. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201311212453682/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/epa-fy14-18-plan-targets-heavy-duty-vehicle-ghgs-off-road-emissions/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - Groups To Seek High Court Review Of Ruling On EPA Haze Plan Discretion - 11/22/13 - Oklahoma and utilities plan to seek Supreme Court review of a precedent-setting appellate court ruling that backed EPA's power to reject state's regional haze air quality plans if they do not follow agency guidelines.

<http://insideepa.com/201311222453760/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/groups-to-seek-high-court-review-of-ruling-on-epa-haze-plan-discretion/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Seeks EAB Bar On Regional Officers Modifying Consent Agreements - 11/22/13 - EPA is asking its Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to rule that regional judicial officers (RJOs) -- staff that serve as agency adjudicators -- lack power to modify administrative consent agreements, which would give EPA much-sought national consistency and greater discretion to impose non-financial penalties in such settlements. <http://insideepa.com/201311222453762/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-seeks-eab-bar-on-regional-officers-modifying-consent-agreements/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

12/3/13 – SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

12/5/13 – RA Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/16/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

12/18/13 – Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Convention, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

12/5-6/13 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

12/12/2013 – Attending outreach session with Iowa Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

12/4-6/13 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: DeAndré Singletary, 7373

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

None